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EARLY MISSIONS ON MENOMINEE RIVER

I am trying to find the date of the founding of the first Catholic mission on the Menominee River. I know the locality, at Mission Point, Marinette, Wisconsin, but I can find no tradition here as to date of founding or name of the priest who founded it. I thought the papers of the late Lewis S. Patrick of Marinette might contain some information on these points. Will you kindly tell me how to go about getting this? I think all of Mr. Patrick's historical papers were turned over to the State Historical Society.

I will be very grateful for any information on the subject.

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The earliest Catholic mission on the Menominee River was begun in 1670 by Father Claude Allouez. The mission was named St. Michael, and was maintained for several years and ministered to by Father Louis André. The accounts of this mission are to be found in *Jesuit Relations* (R. G. Thwaites, editor), LIV, 235; LV, 103; LVI, 125; LVIII, 273-81; LXI, 153-55. The exact site of this mission can never be known, as it was abandoned over two hundred years ago. The "Mission Point" which you mention was the site of an early Methodist mission. In Mr. Patrick's papers there is the following statement concerning it: "The Methodist mission house was located near the site of the machine shop of the N. Ludington Company. It was built about 1833 by Rev. John Clark who was missionary for all the territory from Lake Superior to Chicago. He worked there with the Indians until about 1836, when ill success made him discontinue his mission. There was a house that was never finished and a blacksmith shop. The house was sold in 1839 to Samuel Farnsworth who moved it nearly opposite the Marquette flour mill, and occupied it as his residence."

EARLY TRAILS AND HIGHWAYS OF WISCONSIN

The National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution has a committee, of which I am the member for Wisconsin, to establish the lines of early trails and roads in the United States. I am, therefore, interested in planning an active campaign among the several local chapters of the state looking to the location, and ultimately to the marking of some of the more important early trail and highway routes of Wisconsin. Can you give me any suggestions which may be of value in this connection?

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